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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN FROM CHARGE

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SUBJECT: US SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN LATIN AMERICA

REF: STATE 83680

INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARA 3 REFTEL IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. IMETP

FY 1977 - FUNDING LEVEL FOR FY 77 IS \$600,000. AT
PRESENT \$570,000 IS COMMITTED AND BOLIVIAN REQUESTS
ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO OBLIGATE THE REMAINING \$30,000.
FY 1978 - BOLIVIAN REQUESTS FOR FY 78 EXCEED \$1 MILLION
WORTH OF TRAINING. OUR CURRENT PLANNING LEVEL IS
\$750,000 AND A PROGRAM IS BEING WORKED OUT FOR DISCUSSION
AT A TRAINING CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN PANAMA
IN MID-MAY. BASED ON BOLIVIAN ARMED FORCES PRIORITIES
MILGRP IS REDUCING REQUESTS DOWN TO THE PLANNING FIGURE.
COMMENT: TRAINING PROGRAMS PROPOSED BY GOB HAVE BEEN
REALISTIC AND WE HAVE NOT HAD DIFFICULTY IN REACHING
MUTUAL AGREEMENT AT THE FUNDING LEVEL AVAILABLE.
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B. FMS PURCHASES

OUR BEST ESTIMATE FOR FMS CASH PURCHASES FOR BOTH
FY 77 AND FY 78 IS \$600,000 EACH YEAR. PURCHASES
IN BOTH YEARS WILL CONSIST PRIMARILY OF SPARE PARTS FOR
VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, AND
POSSIBLY SOME TRAINING AMMUNITION.

C. FMS CREDITS

FY 77 - THE GOB HAS BEEN OFFERED UP TO \$12 MILLION FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. AS THE EMBASSY HAS REPORTED (LA PAZ 2439) IT IS THE GOB INTENTION TO USE THE CREDIT FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR A MILITARY HOSPITAL ACCESSIBLE ALSO TO CIVILIANS.

FY 78 - CONTINGENT UPON CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL IT IS EXPECTED THAT \$14 MILLION IN FMS CREDITS WILL BE OFFERED TO THE GOB FOR FY 78. NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE BY THE GOB AS TO USE OF THESE CREDITS.

COMMENT: IN RECENT YEARS GOB HAS CONSISTENTLY USED ITS FMS CREDITS FOR PURPOSES WHICH ARE SOCIALLY CONSTRUCTIVE, AND HAVE DEVELOPMENTAL IMPACT; AIRCRAFT FOR PHOTO MAPPING IN '74, HEAVY ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT IN '75, MILITARY CARGO AIRCRAFT IN '76 AND HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT IN '77. WE ANTICIPATE THAT SIMILAR CRITERIA WOULD BE ADOPTED IN UTILIZATION OF FY '78 CREDITS.

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